

An analytic parametrization of the hyperonic matter equation of state

Isaac Vidaña, Domenico Logoteta, and Constança Providênciа

Centro de Física Computacional, Department of Physics,

University of Coimbra, PT-3004-516 Coimbra, Portugal

Artur Polls

Departament d'Estructura i Constituents de la Matèria and Institut de Ciències del Cosmos,

Universitat de Barcelona, Avda. Diagonal 647, E-08028 Barcelona, Spain

Ignazio Bombaci

Dipartimento di Fisica “E. Fermi”, Università di Pisa, and INFN,

Sezione di Pisa, Largo B. Pontecorvo 3, I-56127 Pisa, Italy

Abstract

An analytic parametrization of the hyperonic matter equation of state based on microscopic Brueckner–Hartree–Fock calculations has been constructed using the realistic Argonne V18 nucleon-nucleon potential plus a three-body force of Urbana type, and three models of the hyperon-nucleon interaction: the Nijmegen soft-core models NSC89 and NSC97e, and the most recent meson-exchange potential of the Jülich group. The construction of this parametrization is based on a simple phase-space analysis and reproduces with good accuracy the results of the microscopic calculations with a small number of parameters. This parametrization allows for rapid calculations that accurately mimic the microscopic results, being therefore, very useful from a practical point of view.

PACS numbers: 13.75.Ev, 21.65.Mn, 26.60.-c

Neutron stars offer an interesting interplay between nuclear processes and astrophysical observables [1, 2]. Properties of neutron stars, such as the mass range, the mass-radius relationship, the moment of inertia, the crust thickness or the cooling rate, are closely related to the underlying nuclear matter equation of state (EoS) for a wide range of densities and temperatures [3]. Thus, its determination is an essential ingredient for understanding such properties.

At densities near the saturation density of nuclear matter, neutron star matter is thought to be mainly composed of neutrons, protons and leptons (electrons and muons) in β -equilibrium. As density increases, new hadronic degrees of freedom may appear in addition to nucleons. Hyperons, baryons with a strangeness content, are an example of these degrees of freedom. Contrary to terrestrial conditions, where hyperons are unstable and decay into nucleons through the weak interaction, the equilibrium conditions in neutron stars can make the inverse process, *i.e.*, the conversion of nucleons into hyperons, happen, so the formation of hyperons becomes energetically favorable. Although hyperonic matter is an idealized physical system, the theoretical determination of the corresponding EoS is an essential step towards the understanding of properties of neutron stars. Moreover, the comparison of theoretical predictions for the properties of these objects with the observations can provide strong constraints on the interactions among their constituents. Since the pioneering work of Ambartsumyan and Saakyan [4] the EoS of hyperonic matter has been considered by several authors either from phenomenological [5–12] or microscopic [13–18] approaches.

In phenomenological approaches the input is a density-dependent interaction which contains a certain number of parameters adjusted to reproduce experimental data. Within this approach Balberg and Gal [11] derived an analytic effective EoS using density-dependent baryon-baryon potentials based on Skyrme-type forces including hyperonic degrees of freedom. The features of this EoS rely on the properties of nuclei for the nucleon-nucleon (NN) interaction, and mainly on the experimental data from hypernuclei for the hyperon-nucleon (YN) and hyperon-hyperon (YY) interactions. This EoS reproduces characteristic properties of high-density matter found in theoretical microscopic models. Within the same scheme, several authors [19, 20] have developed Skyrme-like YN potentials to study properties of single- and multi- Λ hypernuclei with the Skyrme–Hartree–Fock formalism.

An alternative phenomenological approach involves the formulation of an effective relativistic mean field theory (RMFT) of interacting hadrons [21]. This fully relativistic approach treats the baryonic and mesonic degrees of freedom explicitly, and is, in general, easier to handle because it only involves local densities and fields. The EoS of dense matter with hyperons was first described within the RMFT by Glendenning [5] and latter by other authors [6–10]. The parameters in this

approach are fixed by the properties of nuclei and nuclear bulk matter for the nucleonic sector, whereas the coupling constants of the hyperons are fixed by symmetry relations, hypernuclear observables and compact star properties.

In microscopic approaches, on the other hand, the input are two-body baryon-baryon interactions that describe the scattering observables in free space. These realistic interactions have been mainly constructed within the framework of a meson-exchange theory, although recently a new approach based on chiral perturbation theory has emerged as a powerful tool. In order to obtain the EoS one has to solve the complicated nuclear many-body problem [22, 23]. A great difficulty of this problem lies in the treatment of the repulsive core, which dominates the short-range behavior of the interaction. Various methods have been considered to solve the nuclear many-body problem: the variational approach [24], the correlated basis function (CBF) formalism [25], the self-consistent Green's function (SCGF) technique [26], or the Brueckner–Bethe–Goldstone (BBG) [27] and the Dirac–Brueckner–Hartree–Fock (DBHF) theories [28]. Nevertheless, although all of them have been extensively applied to the study of nuclear matter, up to our knowledge, only the BBG theory [13–16], and very recently the DBHF one [17], and the V_{lowk} approach [18], have been extended to the hyperonic sector.

The microscopic approach is in general technically complex and very time consuming. Therefore, from a practical point of view, it would be interesting to have an analytic parametrization of the hyperonic matter EoS based on such approach that allow to mimic the microscopic results in a fast way with a small number of parameters. In the present work we will build a density functional for the EoS based on microscopic Brueckner–Hartree–Fock (BHF) calculations of hyperonic matter. In addition to the nucleonic degrees of freedom we will consider only Λ and Σ^- hyperons in the construction of our functional, the reason being that these two types of hyperons are the ones appearing first in calculations of β -stable neutron star matter based on microscopic approaches [13–16]. The other hyperons, Σ^0 , Σ^+ , Ξ^0 and Ξ^- , being heavier, either do not appear or only show up at very large densities in microscopic calculations.

After a brief review of the BHF approach to the EoS, we will detail the construction of the functional. We will finish by testing and discussing the quality and validity of our parametrization.

Our calculations are based on the BHF approximation of the BBG theory extended to the hyperonic matter case [13–16]. Therefore, our-many body scheme starts by constructing all the baryon-baryon G matrices, which describe in an effective way the interaction between two baryons in the presence of a surrounding medium. The G matrices can be obtained by solving the Bethe–

Goldstone equation, written schematically as

$$G(\omega)_{B_1 B_2, B_3 B_4} = V_{B_1 B_2, B_3 B_4} + \sum_{B_i B_j} V_{B_1 B_2, B_i B_j} \frac{Q_{B_i B_j}}{\omega - E_{B_i} - E_{B_j} + i\eta} G(\omega)_{B_i B_j, B_3 B_4}, \quad (1)$$

where the first (last) two subindices indicate the initial (final) two-baryon states compatible with a given value S of the strangeness, namely NN for $S = 0$ and YN for $S = -1$; V is the bare baryon-baryon interaction (NN or YN); $Q_{B_i B_j}$ is the Pauli operator, that prevents the intermediate baryons B_i and B_j from being scattered to states below their respective Fermi momenta; and the starting energy ω corresponds to the sum of the nonrelativistic single-particle energies of the interacting baryons. We note here that, although we have considered only Λ and Σ^- hyperons in the construction of our parametrization of the EoS, Σ^0 and Σ^+ hyperons have been also taken into account in the intermediate YN states when solving the Bethe–Goldstone equation. The interested reader is referred to Refs. [13–16] for computational details.

The single-particle energy of a baryon B_i is given by

$$E_{B_i}(\vec{k}) = M_{B_i} + \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2M_{B_i}} + U_{B_i}(\vec{k}). \quad (2)$$

Here M_{B_i} denotes the rest mass of the baryon, and the single-particle potential U_{B_i} represents the averaged field “felt” by the baryon owing to its interaction with the other baryons of the medium. In the BHF approximation, U_{B_i} is given by

$$U_{B_i}(\vec{k}) = \sum_{B_j} U_{B_i}^{(B_j)}(\vec{k}) = \text{Re} \sum_{B_j} \sum_{\vec{k}'} n_{B_j}(|\vec{k}'|) \langle \vec{k} \vec{k}' | G(\omega)_{B_i B_j, B_i B_j} (\omega = E_{B_i}(\vec{k}) + E_{B_j}(\vec{k}')) | \vec{k} \vec{k}' \rangle, \quad (3)$$

where a sum over all the different partial contributions, $U_{B_i}^{(B_j)}(\vec{k})$, is performed, $n_{B_j}(|\vec{k}|)$ is the occupation number of the species B_j , and the matrix elements are properly antisymmetrized when baryons B_i and B_j belong to the same isomultiplet. We note here that the so-called continuous prescription has been adopted for the single-particle potentials when solving the Bethe–Goldstone equation, since, as shown by the authors of Refs. [29, 30], the contribution to the energy per particle from three-body clusters is minimized in this prescription.

All the calculations carried out in this work have been performed with the realistic Argonne V18 [31] NN interaction supplemented with a NNN three-body force (TBF) of Urbana type which, for use in BHF calculations, was reduced to a two-body density-dependent force by averaging over the third nucleon in the medium [32]. This TBF contains two parameters that are fixed by requiring that the BHF calculation reproduces the energy and saturation density of symmetric nuclear matter. The interested reader is referred to the works of Refs. [33–35] for a recent analysis

of the use of TBF's in nuclear and neutron matter. The YN G -matrices have been constructed using three YN models: the Nijmegen soft-core models NSC89 [36] and NSC97e [37], and the most recent YN meson-exchange potential of the Jülich group [38]. In the following we will use the names Jülich, NSC89 and NSC97 models to denote the three different NN+NNN+YN models under consideration, since the pure nucleonic part is the same in all of them. We note that the YY interaction has not been considered in the present work due to the large uncertainties still existing in this sector.

Once a self-consistent solution of Eqs. (1) and (3) is obtained, the total energy per particle is easily calculated:

$$\frac{E}{A} = \frac{1}{A} \sum_{B_i} \sum_{\vec{k}} n_{B_i}(|\vec{k}|) \left[\frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2M_{B_i}} + \frac{1}{2} U_{B_i}(\vec{k}) \right] \equiv \frac{T}{A} + \frac{V}{A}. \quad (4)$$

This quantity is a function of the particle densities $\rho_n, \rho_p, \rho_\Lambda$, and ρ_{Σ^-} or, equivalently, of the total baryonic density $\rho = \rho_n + \rho_p + \rho_\Lambda + \rho_{\Sigma^-}$, the hyperon fraction $Y = (\rho_{\Sigma^-} + \rho_\Lambda)/\rho$, the isospin asymmetry $\beta = (\rho_n - \rho_p)/(\rho_n + \rho_p)$, and the asymmetry between the Λ and Σ^- hyperons $\alpha = (\rho_{\Sigma^-} - \rho_\Lambda)/(\rho_{\Sigma^-} + \rho_\Lambda)$.

As referred before, Brueckner-type calculations are very time consuming since one has to solve a self-consistent set of coupled-channel equations for different strangeness sectors. Therefore, from a practical point of view, it would be interesting and useful to characterize the dependence of the total energy per particle E/A on the particle densities $\rho_n, \rho_p, \rho_\Lambda$, and ρ_{Σ^-} , or, alternatively on ρ, Y, β and α , in a simple analytical form. The free Fermi gas contribution, T/A , is already analytic, reading

$$\frac{T}{A} = \sum_{i=n,p,\Lambda,\Sigma^-} \frac{3}{5} \frac{\hbar^2 k_{F_i}^2}{2M_i} \frac{\rho_i}{\rho} = \frac{3}{5} \frac{\hbar^2 k_F^2}{2} \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{M_n} (1-Y)^{5/3} (1+\beta)^{5/3} + \frac{1}{M_p} (1-Y)^{5/3} (1-\beta)^{5/3} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{M_\Lambda} Y^{5/3} (1-\alpha)^{5/3} + \frac{1}{M_{\Sigma^-}} Y^{5/3} (1+\alpha)^{5/3} \right], \quad (5)$$

where $k_{F_i} = (3\pi^2 \rho_i)^{1/3}$ and we have defined $k_F \equiv (3\pi^2 \rho/2)^{1/3}$. An idea of the possible terms appearing in the correlation energy contribution, V/A , can be obtained from the following phase space analysis of the single-particle potentials, similar to the ones performed in Ref. [39] for isospin asymmetric matter and in Ref. [40] for spin-polarized isospin asymmetric matter. Replacing the matrix elements $\langle \vec{k} \vec{k}' | G(\omega)_{B_i B_j, B_i B_j} (\omega = E_{B_i} + E_{B_j}) | \vec{k} \vec{k}' \rangle$ by an average value, $g_{B_i B_j}(\vec{k}, \rho, Y, \beta, \alpha)$, in the Fermi sphere with radius $k' \leq k_F^{B_j}$, and integrating over the corresponding Fermi sea, the

single-particle potentials of the four baryon species under consideration can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} U_n(\vec{k}) &\sim g_{nn}\rho_n + g_{np}\rho_p + g_{n\Lambda}\rho_\Lambda + g_{n\Sigma^-}\rho_{\Sigma^-} , \\ U_p(\vec{k}) &\sim g_{pn}\rho_n + g_{pp}\rho_p + g_{p\Lambda}\rho_\Lambda + g_{p\Sigma^-}\rho_{\Sigma^-} , \\ U_\Lambda(\vec{k}) &\sim g_{\Lambda n}\rho_n + g_{\Lambda p}\rho_p , \\ U_{\Sigma^-}(\vec{k}) &\sim g_{\Sigma^- n}\rho_n + g_{\Sigma^- p}\rho_p . \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

For small values of the hyperon fraction, the isospin asymmetry, and the asymmetry between Λ 's and Σ^- 's, one can neglect the dependence on Y, β and α of the average G matrices assuming $g_{B_i B_j}(\vec{k}, \rho, Y, \beta, \alpha) \sim g_{B_i B_j}(\vec{k}, \rho)$, and

$$\begin{aligned} g_{nn} &\approx g_{pp} \equiv g_1(\vec{k}, \rho) , \\ g_{np} &\approx g_{pn} \equiv g_2(\vec{k}, \rho) , \\ g_{n\Lambda} &\approx g_{\Lambda n} \approx g_{p\Lambda} \approx g_{\Lambda p} \equiv g_3(\vec{k}, \rho) , \\ g_{n\Sigma^-} &\approx g_{\Sigma^- n} \equiv g_4(\vec{k}, \rho) , \\ g_{p\Sigma^-} &\approx g_{\Sigma^- p} \equiv g_5(\vec{k}, \rho) . \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Note that the quantities $g_i(\vec{k}, \rho)$ receive contributions from different isospin (T) and strangeness (S) channels. Whereas $g_1(\vec{k}, \rho)$ receives contributions only from the isospin triplet and zero strangeness channel, $g_2(\vec{k}, \rho)$ has in addition a contribution from the isospin singlet, $g_3(\vec{k}, \rho)$ and $g_4(\vec{k}, \rho)$ are, respectively, purely isospin 1/2 and 3/2 with strangeness -1 , and $g_5(\vec{k}, \rho)$ has contributions from $T = 1/2$ and $T = 3/2$ with $S = -1$.

Using the set of Eqs. (6) and (7), the single-particle potentials can then be written as

$$U_n(\vec{k}) \sim \frac{\rho}{2}(1-Y) \left[g_1(\vec{k}, \rho)(1+\beta) + g_2(\vec{k}, \rho)(1-\beta) \right] + \frac{\rho}{2}Y \left[g_3(\vec{k}, \rho)(1-\alpha) + g_4(\vec{k}, \rho)(1+\alpha) \right] , \quad (8)$$

$$U_p(\vec{k}) \sim \frac{\rho}{2}(1-Y) \left[g_2(\vec{k}, \rho)(1+\beta) + g_1(\vec{k}, \rho)(1-\beta) \right] + \frac{\rho}{2}Y \left[g_3(\vec{k}, \rho)(1-\alpha) + g_5(\vec{k}, \rho)(1+\alpha) \right] , \quad (9)$$

$$U_\Lambda(\vec{k}) \sim \rho g_3(\vec{k}, \rho)(1-Y) , \quad (10)$$

$$U_{\Sigma^-}(\vec{k}) \sim \frac{\rho}{2}(1-Y) \left[g_4(\vec{k}, \rho)(1+\beta) + g_5(\vec{k}, \rho)(1-\beta) \right] \quad (11)$$

where the particle densities ρ_n , ρ_p , ρ_Λ and ρ_{Σ^-} have been written in terms of ρ , β , Y and α . These equations show explicitly the dependence of the single-particle potentials on the hyperon fraction, the isospin asymmetry and the asymmetry between Λ 's and Σ^- 's. This dependence is tested in Fig. 1 for the Jülich model where the value at $\vec{k} = 0$ of the single-particle potentials U_n, U_p, U_Λ

and U_{Σ^-} at the saturation density ($\rho_0 = 0.175 \text{ fm}^{-3}$ in our model) is plotted as a function of Y (with $\beta = \alpha = 0$), β (with $Y = \alpha = 0$) and α (with $Y = 0.1, \beta = 0$), in the left, middle and right panels, respectively. Similar dependences has been obtained also for the NSC89 and NSC97 models. The above equations predict a linear variation of the single-particle potentials with respect to Y, β and α . This prediction is quite well confirmed from the microscopic results reported in Fig. 1, although deviations from the linear behavior are found at higher values of Y, β and α . These deviations have to be associated to the dependence of the average G matrices on Y, β and α , which has been neglected in the present analysis (see the set of Eqs. (7)).

Now, using Eqs. (8)-(11), and replacing the quantities $g_i(\vec{k}, \rho)$ by their averages $\bar{g}_i(\rho)$ in the corresponding Fermi spheres, one can see, after integration, that the correlation energy behaves like

$$\frac{V}{A} \sim \frac{\bar{g}_1(\rho)}{2\rho} (\rho_n^2 + \rho_p^2) + \frac{\bar{g}_2(\rho)}{\rho} \rho_n \rho_p + \frac{\bar{g}_3(\rho)}{\rho} (\rho_n + \rho_p) \rho_\Lambda + \frac{\bar{g}_4(\rho)}{\rho} \rho_n \rho_{\Sigma^-} + \frac{\bar{g}_5(\rho)}{\rho} \rho_p \rho_{\Sigma^-} , \quad (12)$$

or, replacing the particle densities in terms of ρ, β, Y and α

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{V}{A} \sim & \frac{\rho}{4} \bar{g}_1(\rho) (1 - Y)^2 (1 + \beta^2) + \frac{\rho}{4} \bar{g}_2(\rho) (1 - Y)^2 (1 - \beta^2) + \frac{\rho}{2} \bar{g}_3(\rho) Y (1 - Y) (1 - \alpha) \\ & + \frac{\rho}{4} \bar{g}_4(\rho) Y (1 - Y) (1 + \alpha) (1 + \beta) + \frac{\rho}{4} \bar{g}_5(\rho) Y (1 - Y) (1 + \alpha) (1 - \beta) . \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

From this simple analysis we can finally infer the form of the correlation energy

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{V}{A} = & V_1(\rho) (1 - Y)^2 (1 + \beta^2) + V_2(\rho) (1 - Y)^2 (1 - \beta^2) + V_3(\rho) Y (1 - Y) (1 - \alpha) \\ & + V_4(\rho) Y (1 - Y) (1 + \alpha) (1 + \beta) + V_5(\rho) Y (1 - Y) (1 + \alpha) (1 - \beta) . \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

The coefficients $V_1(\rho), V_2(\rho), V_3(\rho), V_4(\rho)$ and $V_5(\rho)$ have been fitted to reproduce the microscopic BHF results corresponding to the following five set of values of Y, β and α : ($Y = 0, \beta = 0, \alpha = 0$), ($Y = 0, \beta = 1, \alpha = 0$), ($Y = 0.1, \beta = 0.875, \alpha = 1$), ($Y = 0.15, \beta = 0.7, \alpha = 0.5$), and ($Y = 0.2, \beta = 0.5, \alpha = 0$). The first two sets guarantee that the parametrization reproduces the microscopic results for symmetric nuclear matter and pure neutron matter. The other three have been chosen in order to mimic three representative β -stable matter compositions for densities above the hyperon threshold obtained with microscopic approaches (see *e.g.*, Refs. [14] and [16]). It is clear that the determination of these coefficients is not unique. However, we have checked that with the choice of this set of values of Y, β and α , we get a parametrization that reproduces with good quality (see Fig. 4 and the discussion below) the results of the BHF calculation for a wide range of arbitrary values of Y, β and α . In addition, we have adjusted the density dependence of the coefficients $V_i(\rho)$

in the following functional form

$$V_i(\rho) = a\rho^\gamma + b\rho^\delta \quad i = 1 - 5 , \quad (15)$$

where the set of parameters a, γ, b and δ for the five coefficients are given in Tables I–III. The density dependence of the coefficients $V_i(\rho)$ together with the functional defined in the above equation is shown in Fig. 2 for the three models considered. It is seen that the functional of Eq. (15) reproduces reasonably well the microscopic results for the three models in the whole range of densities explored ($0.01 \text{ fm}^{-3} < \rho < 0.5 \text{ fm}^{-3}$).

In order to test the quality of our parametrization, we show for the three models, in the left, middle and right panels of Fig. 3, the correlation energy at $\rho = \rho_0$ as a function of Y (with $\beta = \alpha = 0$), β (with $Y = \alpha = 0$) and α (with $Y = 0.1, \beta = 0$). Circles, squares and triangles show the result of the microscopic BHF calculation obtained with the Jülich, NSC89 and NSC97e models, respectively. From the figure it can be seen that the dependence on Y, β and α predicted by Eq. (14) (quadratic in Y and β , and linear in α) is well confirmed from the microscopic results. For completeness, we finally compare in Fig. 4, the results for the correlation energy as a function of the density for three arbitrary sets of values of Y, β and α : (i) $Y = 0.08, \beta = 0.6, \alpha = 0.6$, (ii) $Y = 0.15, \beta = 0.2, \alpha = 0.2$, and (iii) $Y = 0.17, \beta = 0.4, \alpha = 0.75$, obtained from the microscopic BHF calculation (symbols) and from the parametrization (lines) for the three models considered. The quality of the parametrization is quite good for the three models, as it can be seen in the figure, with deviations from the microscopic calculation, at the higher density explored, of at most 2% and 5 – 6% for the NSC97 and Jülich models, respectively, and of about 10 – 11% for the NSC89 one. These deviations, as it has been said before, have to be associated to the dependences on Y, β and α neglected in the construction of the parametrization.

To summarize, we have constructed an analytic parametrization of the hyperonic matter equation of state based on microscopic Brueckner–Hartree–Fock calculations using the realistic Argonne V18 NN potential plus a NNN TBF of Urbana type, and three models of the YN interaction: the Nijmegen soft-core models NSC89 and NSC97e, and the most recent meson-exchange potential of the Jülich group. The construction of this parametrization is based on a simple phase-space analysis, and reproduces with good accuracy the results of the microscopic calculations, allowing for rapid calculations that accurately mimic the microscopic BHF results, being, thus, very useful from a practical point of view. Our parametrization will be extended in a future work to include finite temperature effects, necessary to describe the properties of newborn neutron stars, and the conditions of matter in relativistic heavy-ion collisions.

Acknowledgments

We are very grateful to Àngels Ramos for useful former discussions. This work has been partially supported by FCT (Portugal) under grants SFRH/BD/62353/2009 and FCOMP-01-0124-FEDER-008393 with FCT reference CERN/FP/109316/2009, the Consolider Ingenio 2010 Programme CPAN CSD2007-00042 and Grant No. FIS2008-01661 from MEC and FEDER (Spain) and Grant 2009GR-1289 from Generalitat de Catalunya (Spain), and by COMPSTAR, an ESF (European Science Foundation) Research Networking Programme.

- [1] S. L. Shapiro and S. A. Teukolsky, *Black Holes, White Dwarfs and Neutron Stars* (Wiley, New York, 1983); N. K. Glendenning, *Compact Stars: Nuclear Physics, Particle Physics and General Relativity*, 2nd ed. (Springer, Berlin, 2000); P. Haensel, A. Y. Potekhin and D. G. Yakovlev, *Neutron Stars 1: Equation of State and Structure*, Astrophysics and Space Science Library, vol. 326, (Springer, New York, U.S.A., 2007).
- [2] M. Prakash, I. Bombaci, M. Prakash, P. J. Ellis, R. Knorren and J. M. Lattimer, Phys. Rep. **280**, 1 (1997); H. Heiselberg and M. Hjorth-Jensen, *ibid.* **328**, 237 (2000).
- [3] N. Chamel and P. Haensel, Living Review on Relativity **11**, 10 (2008).
- [4] V.A. Ambartsumyan and G.S. Saakyan, Sov. Astron. AJ. 4 (1960) 187.
- [5] N. K. Glendenning, Phys. Lett. B **114**, 392 (1982); Astrophys. J **293**, 470 (1985); Z. Phys. A **326**, 57 (1987).
- [6] F. Weber and M. K. Weigel, Nucl. Phys. A **505** 779 (1989).
- [7] N. K. Glendenning and S. A. Moszkowski, Phys. Rev. Lett. **67**, 2414 (1991).
- [8] R. Knorren, M. Prakash and P. J. Ellis, Phys. Rev. C **52**, 3470 (1995).
- [9] J. Schaffner and I. Mishustin, Phys. Rev. C **53**, 1416 (1996).
- [10] H. Huber, F. Weber, M. K. Weige and Ch. Schaab, Int. J. Mod. Phys. E **7**, 310 (1998).
- [11] S. Balberg and A. Gal, Nucl. Phys. A **625**, 435 (1997).
- [12] S. Balberg, I. Lichtenstadt and G. B. Cook, Astrophys. J. Suppl. Ser. **121**, 515 (1999).
- [13] H.-J. Schulze, M. Baldo, U. Lombardo, J. Cugnon and A. Lejeune, Phys. Lett. B **355**, 21 (1995); Phys. Rev. C **57**, 704 (1998).
- [14] M. Baldo, G. F. Burgio and H.-J. Schulze, Phys. Rev. C **58**, 3688 (1998); **61**, 055801 (2000).
- [15] I. Vidaña, A. Polls, A. Ramos, M. Hjorth-Jensen and V. G. J. Stoks, Phys. Rev. C **61**, 025802 (2000).
- [16] I. Vidaña, A. Polls, A. Ramos, L. Engvik and M. Hjorth-Jensen, Phys. Rev. C **62**, 035801 (2000).
- [17] F. Sammarruca, Phys. Rev. C **79**, 034301 (2009).
- [18] H. Dapo, B.-J. Schaefer and J. Wambach, Phys. Rev. C **81**, 035803 (2010).
- [19] D. E. Lanskoy and Y. Yamamoto, Phys. Rev. C **55**, 2330 (1997); T. Y. Tretyakova and D. E. Lanskoy,

- Eur. Phys. J. A **5**, 391 (1999).
- [20] J. Cugnon, A. Lejeune and H.-J. Schulze, Phys. Rev. C **62**, 064308 (2000); I. Vidaña, A. Polls, A. Ramos and H.-J. Schulze, Phys. Rev. C **64**, 044301 (2001); Xian-Rong Zhou, H.-J. Schulze, H. Sagawa, Chen-Xu Wu and En-Guang Zhao, Phys. Rev. C **76**, 034312 (2007); Xian-Rong Zhou, A. Polls, H.-J. Schulze and I. Vidaña, Phys. Rev. C **78**, 054306 (2008).
- [21] B. D. Serot and J. D. Walecka, Adv. Nucl. Phys. **16**, 1 (1986); Int. J. Mod. Phys. E **6**, 515 (1997).
- [22] *Nuclear Methods and Nuclear Equation of State* (International Review of Nuclear Physics, Vol. 8. Edited by Marcello Baldo. Published in July 1999, World Scientific Publishing Company.
- [23] H. Müther and A. Polls, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. **45**, 243 (2000).
- [24] A. Akmal, V. R. Pandharipande and D. G. Ravenhall, Phys. Rev. C **58**, 1804 (1998).
- [25] A. Fabrocini and S. Fantoni, Phys. Lett. B **298**, 263 (1993).
- [26] L. P. Kadanoff and G. Baym, *Quantum Statistical Mechanics* (Benjamin, New York 1962); W. D. Kraeft, D. Kremp, W. Ebeling and G. Röpke, *Quantum Statistics of Charged Particle Systems* (Akademie-Verlag, Berlin, 1986).
- [27] K. A. Brueckner, S. A. Coon and J. Dabrowski, Phys. Rev. **168**, 1184 (1968); P. J. Siemens, Nucl. Phys. A **141**, 225 (1970).
- [28] B. ter Haar and R. Malfliet, Phys. Rep. **149**, 207 (1987); Phys. Rev. C **36**, 1611 (1987); R. Brockmann and R. Machleidt, Phys. Rev. C **42**, 1965 (1990).
- [29] H. Q. Song, M. Baldo, G. Giansiracusa and U. Lombardo, Phys. Rev. Lett. **81**, 1584 (1998).
- [30] M. Baldo, G. Giansiracusa, U. Lombardo and H. Q. Song, Phys. Lett. B **473**, 1 (2000).
- [31] R. B. Wiringa, V. G. J. Stok and R. Schiavilla, Phys. Rev. C **51**, 38 (1995).
- [32] M. Baldo and L. S. Ferreira, Phys. Rev. C **59**, 682 (1999).
- [33] X. R. Zhou, G. F. Burgio, U. Lombardo, H.-J. Schulze and W. Zuo, Phys. Rev. C **69**, 018801 (2004).
- [34] Z. H. Li, U. Lombardo, H.-J. Schulze and W. Zuo, Phys. Rev. C **77**, 034316 (2008).
- [35] Z. H. Li and H.-J. Schulze, Phys. Rev. C **78**, 028801 (2008).
- [36] P. M. M. Maessen, Th. A. Rijken and J. J. de Swart, Phys. Rev. C **40**, 2226 (1989).
- [37] V. G. J. Stoks and Th. A. Rijken, Phys. Rev. C **59**, 3009 (1999).
- [38] J. Haidenbauer and Ulf-G. Meissner, Phys. Rev. C **72**, 044005 (2005).
- [39] I. Bombaci and U. Lombardo, Phys. Rev. C **44**, 1892 (1991).
- [40] I. Vidaña and I. Bombaci, Phys. Rev. C **66**, 045801 (2002).

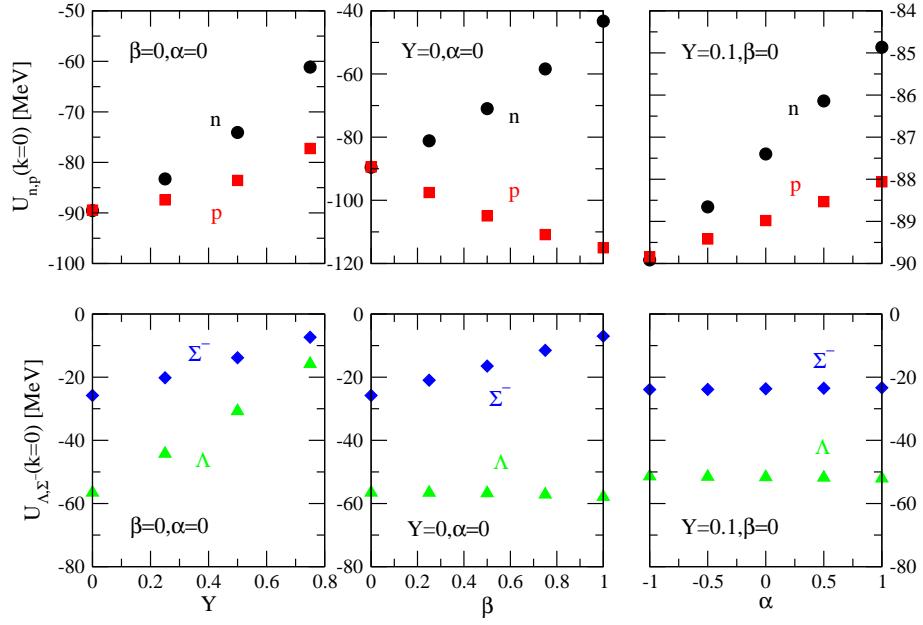


FIG. 1: (Color online) Neutron (circles), proton (squares), Λ (triangles) and Σ^- (diamonds) single-particle potentials at $\vec{k} = 0$ and $\rho = \rho_0$ as a function of Y (left panels), β (middle panels) and α (right panels) obtained with the Jülich model. Upper (lower) panels show the results for neutrons and protons (Λ and Σ^-).

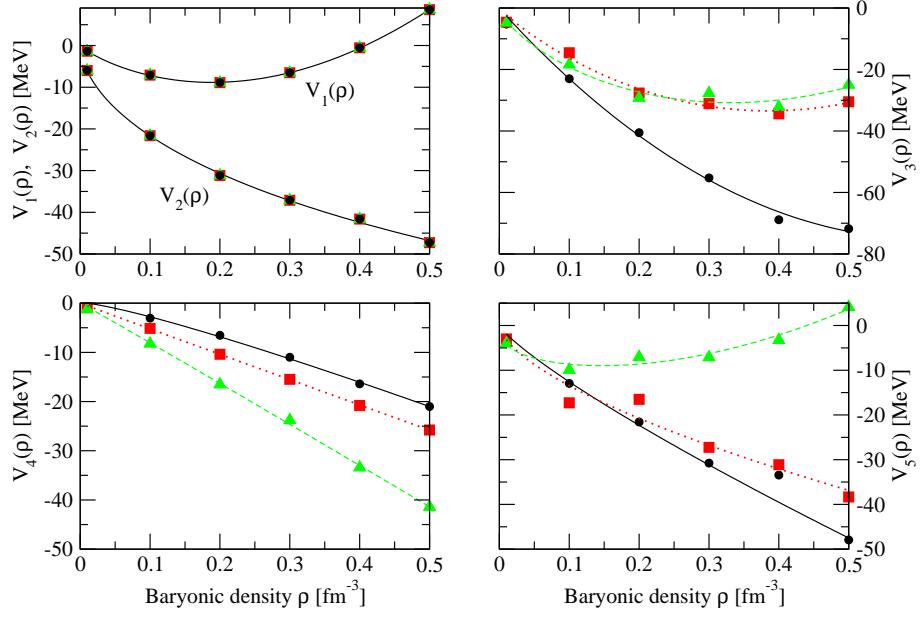


FIG. 2: (Color online) Density dependence of the coefficients $V_i(\rho)$ of Eq. (14). Circles, squares and triangles show the result of the microscopic BHF calculation obtained with the Jülich, NSC89 and NSC97e models, respectively, whereas solid, dotted and dashed lines refer to the parametrization defined in Eq. (15) and Tables I–III.

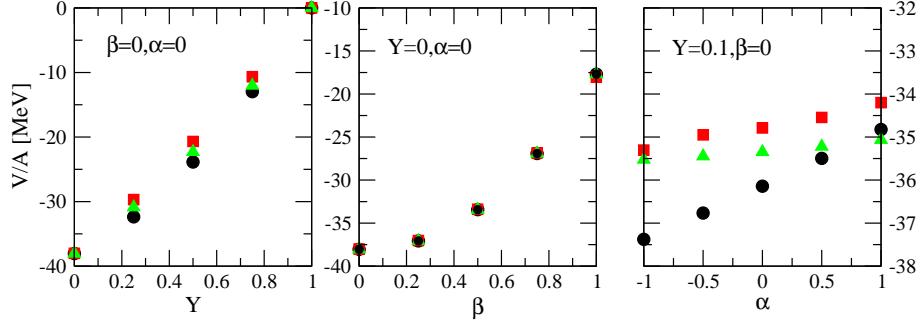


FIG. 3: (Color online) Correlation energy V/A at $\rho = \rho_0$ as a function of Y (left panel), β (middle panel) and α (right panel). Circles, squares and triangles show the result of the microscopic BHF calculation obtained with the Jülich, NSC89 and NSC97e models, respectively.

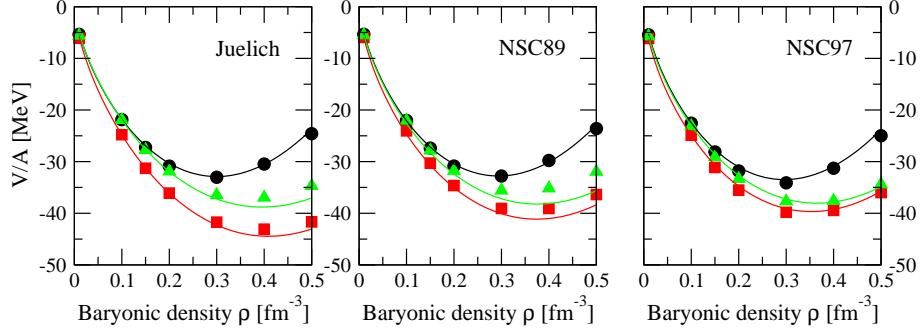


FIG. 4: (Color online) Correlation energy V/A as a function of the density for three arbitrary sets of values of Y, β and α : $Y = 0.08, \beta = 0.6, \alpha = 0.6$ (circles), $Y = 0.15, \beta = 0.2, \alpha = 0.2$ (squares) and $Y = 0.14, \beta = 0.4, \alpha = 0.75$ (triangles). Symbols show the result of the microscopic BHF calculation, whereas dashed lines refer to the parametrization defined according to Eqs. (14) and (15), and Tables I–III.

Coefficient	a	γ	b	δ
V_1	-65.0189	0.843983	166.944	1.89579
V_2	-144.122	0.628802	82.4707	0.829031
V_3	-241.211	0.984562	195.95	1.99311
V_4	-123.882	0.999992	76.3707	0.90001
V_5	-98.8994	0.826319	14.7032	0.830927

TABLE I: Set of parameters a , γ , b and δ characterizing the density dependence of the coefficients $V_i(\rho)$ for the Jülich model. The parameters γ and δ are dimensionless, whereas the units of a and b are MeV \times fm $^{3\gamma}$ and MeV \times fm $^{3\delta}$, respectively.

Coefficient	a	γ	b	δ
V_1	-65.0189	0.843983	166.944	1.89579
V_2	-144.122	0.628802	82.4707	0.829031
V_3	-142.908	0.897287	183.341	1.99791
V_4	-123.583	0.987746	72.1931	0.983861
V_5	-114.735	0.629932	57.809	0.632833

TABLE II: Same as Table I for the NSC89 model.

Coefficient	a	γ	b	δ
V_1	-65.0189	0.843983	166.944	1.89579
V_2	-144.122	0.628802	82.4707	0.829031
V_3	-108.951	0.71094	149.79	1.8744
V_4	-95.221	0.999994	11.6305	0.901149
V_5	-21.5452	0.34935	76.0311	1.88421

TABLE III: Same as Table I for the NSC97e model.